when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Navy)" immediately after "to the Secretary of Defense":

(3) in subsection (c)(6), by inserting "(or to the Secretary of Transportation in the case of a member of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Navy)" immediately after "to the Secretary of Defense"; and

(4) in the first sentence of subsection (e), by inserting "(except for a member or former member of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Navy)" immediately after "former member of the armed forces".

SEC. 203. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS CONCERNING CONTINUITY OF GRADE, APPOINTMENT, AND RETIREMENT OF COAST GUARD PERSONNEL.

Title 14, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 52, by inserting "or admiral" immediately after "to another position as a vice admiral":

(2) in section 271(e), by inserting at the end of the first sentence, "except that advice and consent is not required for appointments under this section in the grade of lieutenant (junior grade) or lieutenant" immediately after "consent of the Senate":

(3) in section 289(c), by striking "no less than 75 percent" and inserting "no less than 50 percent":

(4) in section 736(c), by adding at the end of the following new sentence: "However, the Secretary may adjust the date of appointment—

'(1) if a delay in the finding required under section 734(a) of this title is beyond the control of the officer and the officer is otherwise qualified for promotion; or

"(2) for any other reason that equity requires."; and

(5) in section 741(a), by inserting "who have 18 years or more of service for retirement and are" after "in an active status" the third time it appears.

SEC. 204. AUTHORIZATION OF JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING PROGRAM PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Secretary") may carry out a pilot program to establish and maintain a junior reserve officers training program in cooperation with the Bade County Public School System of Bade County, Florida, as part of the Maritime and Science Technology Academy established by that school system (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Academy").

(b) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—A pilot program carried out by the Secretary under this section—

(1) shall be known as the "Claude Pepper Junior Reserve Officers Training Program";

(2) shall provide to students at the Academy—

(A) instruction in subject areas relating to operations of the Coast Guard; and

(B) training in skills which are useful and appropriate for a career in the Coast Guard.

(c) PROVISION

OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.—To carry out a pilot program under this section, the Secretary may provide to the Academy—

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